MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Sir, with reference to answer to part (b) and (c), may I know why the Government have not ascertained the actual number of persons affected by filariasis ?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: Sir, the Department has conducted a house to house survey and it has been ascertained that about 110 persons show infection by this disease.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: With reference to answer to part (d) of my question, may I know the nature of the control measures that were started in the year 1109 ?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: General mosquito control measures were effected at that time.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : May I know, what was actually done?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI : Actually, spraying of oil was done at that time.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Sir, in answer to part (f) of my question, may I know why, even after the fact of the prevalence of filaria in those areas was brought to the notice of this House during the last Budget Session the Director was not kind enough to visit those localities ?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: Sir, the fact was brought to the notice of this House and the Department was also anxious to do control measures in those areas. But, I am sorry to say that owing to certain circumstances, I have not been able to start control measures there. The Director has not purposely omitted these areas from the programme of his tour. He has visited several places in Eraniel.

Visit of Mr. Gillson from America.

212. *MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. Gillson from America toured in Travancore at Government expense during the year 1115:

(*b*) what was the purpose of his tour:

(*c*) what amount was spent by Government;

(*d*) which all places he visited; and

(*e*) whether he has submitted any report to the Government and, if so, a copy of the same may be furnished ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Investigation of cement raw materials, graphite, mica and other mineral resources.

(*c*) All the bills relating to the expenditure have not been received.

(*d*) Puliyarakkonam, Chengalloor, Kizhanguvilai, Midalam, Appiyode, Vellanad, Mangamalai, Aramboly, Watiakottai, Cape Comorin, Warkalay, Nedungolam, Punalur, Shencottah, Kundara, Alleppey, Munnar and Peermade.

(*e*) Yes. The report is treated as confidential for the present.

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MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Sir, may I know whether the investigation of raw materials for cement and other mineral resources is still in progress or completed?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: It is still in progress.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Then, may I know whether there is any provision in the next year's budget for carrying on futher investigation in the matter?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, Sir, there is provision under "Prospecting Contingencies."

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government whether there is any separate provision in the current year's budget for the purpose?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government whether any further steps have been taken in continuation of the report submitted by this man?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Final orders on this report have not been passed.

PRESIDENT: When was the report submitted?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Sir, about two weeks back.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know at least the major recommendations contained in the report?

PRESIDENT: For many reasons, during the continuation of the war, it is not expedient to disclose some of the recommendations because steps which may be intended to be taken here may be forced on elsewhere. That is the reason why it has not been placed on the table of the House as otherwise it ought to have been done.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, I withdraw the question.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know whether there is any possibility of establishing cement factories in Travancore at a very early date?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, as far as I know, there is.

Fish from the lakes in Travancore.

213. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of fish obtained annually from the lakes in Travancore?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Exact statistics of the fish obtained annually from the lakes in Travancore are not available. The quantity has been estimated at 50,000 Cwts. by the Superintendent of Fisheries.

MR. MURUKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Sir, may I know whether there is a rise or fall in the quantity of fish obtained in this year?

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